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Indiana Main Street Honors the Town of Griffith with *Excellence in Economic Development Award*

ARCADIA, IN- Yesterday, Indiana Main Street honored the Town of Griffith with the 2011 Indiana Main Street Excellence in Economic Development Award during the statewide Indiana Main Street Conference, held at Alice's Restaurant in Arcadia, Indiana. The Indiana Main Street Program is managed by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).

"Congratulations to the Town of Griffith and the Griffith Revitalization Committee on this well-deserved award," said Lt. Governor Skillman, who oversees OCRA. Their downtown revitalization efforts are helping promote economic activity in their community."

The recent transformation of downtown Griffith features new streetscape and façade renovations in the downtown area. Funding was dedicated to the project by the town and the fundraising efforts of dedicated volunteers. The town has also created a façade improvement grant program. Because of the success with the exterior facades, a new "inscaping" program has been created to offer assistance for interior remodeling, as well.

Indiana Main Street was established to provide economic revitalization and professional assistance to participating communities. Indiana Main Street encourages the revitalization and restoration of downtown areas in Indiana cities and towns.

For more information about Indiana Main Street, please visit www.ocra.in.gov/mainstreet.

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